

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending with claims 1 and 14 being independent in this application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for suggesting allowable claim language. The Applicants have amended the claims along the lines suggested by the Examiner though they have not used the exact language suggested by the Examiner.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §101**

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims now render these rejections moot. For example, the claims now recite features that include a network management system (NMS) that uses an object model to create responses to requests for information received from a network device. The responses created by the NMS constitute useful, concrete and tangible results. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims now render these rejections moot. For example, the claims now recite the step/function of generating a response to a request for information from a

network device, which includes creating an object model architecture to generate the response. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of claims 1-21.

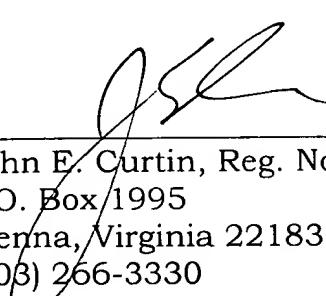
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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